

## Today's News - Tuesday, September 18, 2007

An expert offers some basic risk management considerations to determine if BIM is right for you. – When it comes to planning, Johannesburg "should look to France, Brazil, the US and China for examples of what is possible." – A disconnect between concept and implementation has made it slow-going for San Diego's City of Villages plans. – An "ambitious and environmentally friendly" housing development planned for Gateshead College campus. – An "off-beat" Berlin neighborhood fast becoming creative class hub. – Two different endings for two 1960s council estates in north London. – In China, Jinji Lake redevelopment keeps an eye on the past. – Gould has high hopes for Milwaukee's 22-acre "dead zone." – U.S. Transportation Secretary doesn't see bike and walking paths as part of transportation infrastructure (huh?) – ArchitectureBoston devotes entire issue to re-imagining Boston City Hall: its future "need not be bleak." – A GSA forum on federal courthouse design: "And here I was thinking that the battle of the styles pitting 'trads' against 'rads' was long over," says Lewis. – Glancey can't wait to see the "better than new" Guggenheim. – An environmentalist in London says urban wind turbines don't work (but other renewable technologies do). – Yale to add a Foster feather to its architectural cap. – Glenn Howells wanted to be a rock star, but his future may be Stirling instead. – Six cities officially in race for 2016 Olympics. – The cultural war between Sydney and Melbourne is good for both sides. – Wider seats ordered for 2012 Olympics (a new furniture trend?).

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[Building Information Modeling: The Wave of the Future? BIM promises to reshape the future design, but these basic risk management considerations should be taken into account to determine if BIM is right for you. By Gary Prather- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Other views, part two: 'Planning needs to be done by people with design/planning expertise coupled with sufficient experience to remain objective about their proposals'; we should look to France, Brazil, the US and China for examples of what is possible. A reader responds to Neil Fraser/Urban Inc.- City of Johannesburg](#)

[Taking Years to Raise a Village: ...San Diego....accepted proposals and designated five communities as pilot villages, the symbols of 21st century development, the catalysts for smart growth...mayor has acknowledged a disconnect between the City of Villages concept and its implementation- Voice of San Diego](#)

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[New visions emerge for MacArthur Square: Green designs aim to revitalize 22-acre...dead zone in front of the Milwaukee County Courthouse...is not outside the realm of possibility. By Whitney Gould -- Arquitectura; Zimmerman Architectural Studios; La Dallman Architects; Engberg Anderson Design Partnership; Hammel, Green and Abrahamson \(HGA\); Studio 1032; Kahler Slater Architects; Johnsen Schmaling Architects; Eppstein Uhen Architects \[slide show\]- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)

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[The Case of Classical v. Modern Comes to Federal Court: ...day-long forum...about how the GSA's Design Excellence Program...And here I was thinking that the battle of the styles pitting "trads" against "rads" was long over. By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post](#)

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[Almost famous: ...the Midlands has produced its fair share of rock stars. Sadly, frustrated musician Glenn Howells wasn't one of them. But now, with a Stirling prize nomination to his name, the Birmingham architect is about to get his turn in the limelight.](#) - Building (UK)

[Chicago, 6 others officially in race for 2016 Olympics: International Olympic Committee \(IOC\)...received formal applications from Chicago; Baku, Azerbaijan; Doha, Qatar; Madrid; Prague; Rio de Janeiro; and Tokyo.](#) - Crain's Chicago Business

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